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SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

1. SYG'S REP, SWEDISH PERM REP RYDBECK, VISITED DAKHLA IN MAURITANIAN PORTION OF SAHARA ON FEBRUARY 10. ACCOMPANIED BY MAURITANIAN AND MOROCCAN REPRESENTATIVES OF TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION

,
HE MET WITH MAURITANIAN GOVERNOR IN CHARGE OF PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB. ACCORDING TO MAURITANIAN PRESS REPORTS, CROWD OF SAHARANS GREETED RYDBECK AND "SHOWED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO REJOINING MOTHER COUNTRY, MAURITANIA". RYDBECK DEPARTED DAKHLA FOR SEMARA LATER IN DAY.

2. MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES AND ISLAM, ABDALLAHI OULD BOYE, RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT FEBRUARY 9 FROM VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, BAHREIN, ABU DHABI, QATAR, AND JORDAN WHERE ONE OF PRIMARY TOPICS WAS WESTERN SAHARA. OULD BOYE SAID LEADERS OF COUNTRIES HE VISITED SUPPORT POSITION OF MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO ON SAHARA. HE ADDED THAT THEY CONSIDER "MAURITANIA HAS ONLY DONE ITS DUTY BY EXTENDING ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER WADI

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DHEHAB. THE ARAB LEADERS BELIEVE THAT COMPLETE PEACE IN THE

REGION MUST NECESSARILY TAKE PLACE THROUGH RECOGNITION OF
LEGITIMACY OF MAURITANIAN-MOROCCAN ACCORD." HANDY SIDE

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